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Unused Airstrips
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of unused airstrips in the country, State/UT-wise including Maharashtra;

(b) whether the Government proposes to revive these unused airstrips by providing regional air connectivity between small towns by giving subsidy to airlines;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the further steps taken by the Government to enhance regional air connectivity in the courts, State/UT-wise including Maharashtra?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION
(Dr Mahesh Sharma)

(a) : The State/UT-wise list of non-operational airports belonging to Airports Authority of India (AAI), in the country is at Annexure-I.

(b) to d) : Development / revival of unused airports is a continuous process and is undertaken by AAI from time to time depending on the availability of land, commercial viability, socio-economic considerations, traffic demand / willingness of airlines to operate to/from such airports, etc. The draft National Civil Aviation Policy 2015 envisages implementation of Regional connectivity Scheme with affordable fare to cater to middle class income bracket by way of revival of unused and under-served aerodromes/airstrips and by viability gap funding for airlines operators.